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METROPOLIS MAN SENTENCED FOR METHAMPHETAMINE OFFENSE

Randy G. Massey, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that **ROBERT J. McFARLAND**, age 25, of Metropolis, Illinois, was sentenced today in the United States District Court at Benton, IL to 37 months imprisonment. McFarland plead guilty in June of 2006, to a charge of conspiracy to manufacture and possess with intent to distribute over 50 grams of a mixture and substance containing methamphetamine.

At the hearing on his change of plea, the defendant admitted to being involved in a conspiracy with an Ullin, Illinois, man, who has previously plead guilty in United States District Court in the Western District of Kentucky.

Investigation into the case was handled by the Illinois State Police, the Southern Illinois Drug Task Force, the Madisonville, KY Police Department, and by the United States Drug Enforcement Administration.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Michael C. Carr.